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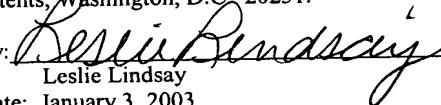
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James W. Schumm, et. al.  
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“MULTIPLEX AMPLIFICATION OF SHORT TANDEM REPEAT LOCI”

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment, reconsideration on the merits of the application, and allowance of the claims.

Please replace claims 22-25 with the following claims:

22. A method of simultaneously determining the alleles present in at least three short tandem repeat loci from one or more DNA samples, comprising:

- (a) obtaining at least one DNA sample to be analyzed;
- (b) selecting a set of at least three short tandem repeat loci of the DNA sample to be analyzed which can be amplified together, wherein the at least three short tandem repeat loci in the set comprises at least three loci selected from the group consisting of:

HUMTPOX, HUMVWFA31 and HUMCSF1PO;

HUMHPRTB, HUMFESFPS and HUMVWFA31;

HSAC04 (ACTBP2), HUMCYP19 and HUMPLA2Al;

HUMAPOA2, HUMCYP19 and HUMPLA2Al;

HUMCD4, HUMCSF1PO and HUMTH01;